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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	A Elamin	2116

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 October 2004.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,3-6,8-18 and 20-22 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,3-6,8-18 and 20-22 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>1/2/2004</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-18, 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Devanagundy et al, US. Pat. No. 6,148,384.
3. Claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 15 and 18, Devanagundy teaches a revision identification register that allows modification of the revision identification register contents [*abstract, col. 1, line 66 thru col. 2, line 2*];

a revision identification modification register, the revision identification modification register allowing modification of the revision identification register contents when indicated by the contents of the revision identification modification register [*col. 2, lines 14-17, col. 9, lines 40-41*].

4. Claims 3, 10, 13, 16 and 20, Devanagundy teaches the revision identification modification register includes a single bit, the state of the bit indicating whether the contents of the revision identification register are currently modifiable [*col. 2, lines 13-14*].

5. Claims 4-5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 21-22, Devanagundy teaches a value of "1" in the revision identification modification register indicates that the revision identification register will accept any value written to the revision identification register and a value of "0" in the revision identification modification register indicates that the revision identification register will ignore

any writes to the revision identification register [*Devanagundy teaches a protection bit in the control register being set prevents writing or erasing in the corresponding portion of the EEPROM, col. 3, lines 30-48*].

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-6, 8-18, 20-22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to A Elamin whose telephone number is (571) 272-3674. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynne Browne can be reached on (571) 272-3670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A Elamin
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 2116

January 4, 2005

A. ELAMIN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink. The name "A. ELAMIN" is written in a cursive style above the words "PRIMARY EXAMINER", which are printed in a bold, sans-serif font. The signature is positioned over a horizontal line.